

# ARMY

## News and notes of the Service in Hawaii and Elsewhere

# NAVY

### SWEEPING CHANGE MADE IN DRAFT LAW REGULATION

General announcement of the sweeping changes in the military draft law, prepared by Provost Marshal General Crowder, was received in yesterday's mail from Washington. The plan divides the remaining nine million registrants on the mainland into five separate classes, and will be used in the next call, probably about January 1.

With the new system, much of the complicated machinery that the local exemption boards would be required to handle for Hawaii's draft under the first method will be done away with and the operations of exempting registrants become little more than rubber stamp proceedings.

The classes in general will be divided about thus:

Class 1—Bachelors without dependents; men with self-supporting wives and any others with no claims for dependency.

Class 2—Highly skilled farm laborers; men with wives who could work, and others of only slight dependency.

Class 3—Men with aged mothers; highly skilled operators in war industries.

Class 4—Men with large families dependent upon them, say with a wife and three or four children.

Class 5—Legless men, paralytics and others of the military unfit.

Class one would be called first; class two next, if needed, and so on. In each class the men would be subject to call in the turn which the original drawing gave them.

Every registered man will know his exact position and be able to arrange his affairs accordingly and that no man deemed necessary in any important industry or needed at home to support his family will be called to the colors.

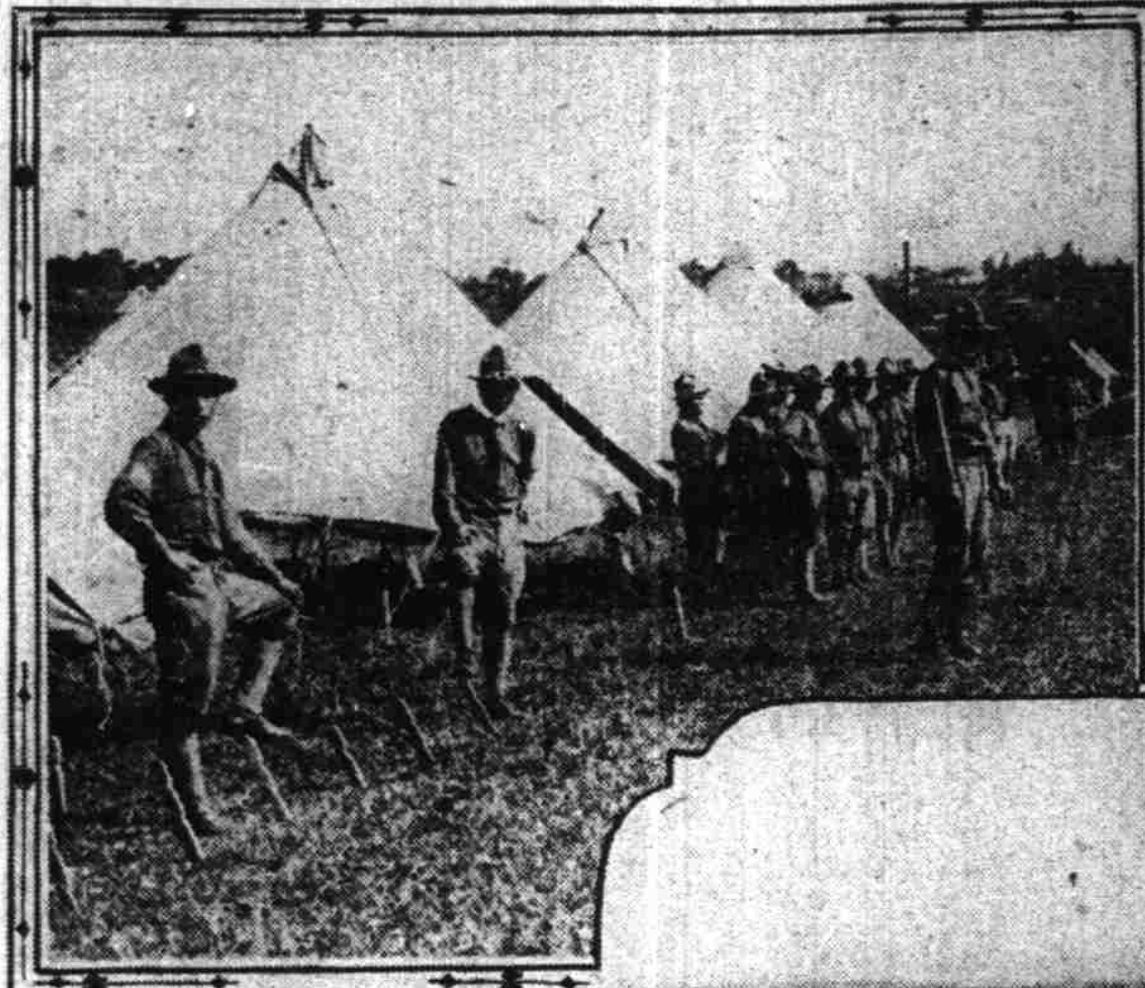
The local boards will immediately complete a list of all the registered men under their jurisdiction and to each of these they will mail a questionnaire resembling a very rigid cross-examination. Men will be allowed seven days in which to return the questionnaire to the board, which will immediately assign them to their respective classes. Each man's draft order number will be entered on his questionnaire and will determine his order in the class column at the local board headquarters.

The success of the plan depends upon the completeness of the questionnaire. The questions to be answered by the registered men have been worked out with infinite care from the vast fund of information gleaned from the first use of the draft machinery. Included in the plans of the government, it is understood, is a provision which will place the services of a trained attorney at the disposal of every registrant to assist him in making his answers. Presumably all the machinery of affidavits to support claims for exemptions also has been absorbed into this document, making the working of the registrant in getting his situation properly before the board for consideration far less arduous.

This new plan, General Crowder points out, settles the vexing question of continuing the physical examination of registrants until all have been classified in this way. Presumably it will be necessary to examine men under the new plan only when called upon, or, if greater speed can be secured in that way, to examine and classify physically all members of the class that is under call.

A point not made clear in General Crowder's statement is how rotation numbers of the drawing to fix the order of military liability are to be applied. Since no abandonment of that means of fixing the place of each individual in any class is announced, it seems certain that the rotation num-

### First Week of Encampment Ending For Hawaii's National Guard



With the guardsmen encamped at Kawaiaha. Upper left hand corner, Filipino company just finished with tent setting drill; upper right hand, group of guardsmen at the noon-day meal in real next to nature style. Notice the identification tags of aluminum worn by each guardsman on the shirt front. Lower portion of the 1st Infantry's camp ground. The picture is taken looking from the ocean and off the little knoll along the beach. These are the pyramidal tents, wherein soldiers sleep in groups, and are much more comfortable than the old style "pup" tents that used to grace the Red Hill encampments.



### Canary Bird Is Target For Big Artillery Fire

How one little canary bird caused consternation among an entire division of British troops and brought down upon its own head a hurricane of rifle fire and finally point-blank shell fire is told by Dr. Robert Davis, recently arrived in the United States to lecture at the officers' training camps on the activities of the Red Cross in Europe.

For more than a month on a northern sector of the line the British had been secretly mining beneath the German trenches. The work was almost complete. During the operations several canary birds were, as usual, kept in the excavations to warn the workers of the presence of fire damp, which is fatal to the birds. One little songster, however, escaped from its job, flew into the middle of "no man's land," and alighting on a bush, began to sing.

Consternation reigned in the British lines. If the bird should be discovered by the Germans the work of weeks would go for naught, as the enemy could easily interpret the meaning of the snappy operations. The infantry was immediately ordered to open fire on the canary to destroy it. But it seemed to bear a charmed life. Even the sharpshooters failed to bring it down as it hopped from twig to twig. Finally the artillery had to be called on. A trench gun with well-timed shell blew the bird and the bush and the song into nothingness.

bers of the men in any class will govern the order in which they come up. In that case each class group would have its own order of liability list, based on the master list. The effect would be to eliminate in classes men who would have been certain to have been exempted at least temporarily had they been called up and examined individually.

Australia's beautiful and dainty dancer with Ivan Bankoff's Ballet Russe, November 21, 22, 23, 24.—Adv.

### YOUNG HONOLULU MAN IS ORDERED TO FRENCH FRONT

Word has been received from Peter Mitchell, Jr., a Honolulu lad, saying that he has been ordered to France, in command of his own company. The boy's father, Peter Mitchell of 12th avenue, Kaimuki, says that this is the third letter he has recently received from his son, who has been expecting to be sent to the front for some time. Young Mitchell was in Philadelphia at the time of writing, but is now believed to be on his way to the front.

Mitchell left the islands about four years ago and entered the military service two years later. He won rapid promotion and received his commission as captain not long ago. Young Mitchell is delighted at the prospect of seeing fighting service, and Mr. Mitchell, the father, is just as pleased at the prospect of his son leading the men in khaki "over the top."

### ARMY ORDERS

Corp. Herbert M. Murphy, C. A. Co., 8th Co., Oahu, is transferred as private to Co. E, 53rd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps, and will proceed to Fort Shafter, H. T.

The following quartermaster sergeants, quartermaster corps (temporary), appointed Nov. 7, 1917, are assigned to stations as follows, and will report for duty accordingly:

William W. Herndon and Alexander Weisberger, to the Honolulu depot, Quartermaster Corps.

Private Thomas A. Zerintcheff, Coast Artillery Corps, 6th Co., Oahu, is transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and will report to the commanding officer, Coast Defenses of Oahu.

Privates William F. Bell, Jr., Battery E, 9th Field Artillery, and Herman Holmes, Co. G, 25th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, H. T., are transferred to the Quartermaster Corps at that post.

Private Charles L. Frank, Headquarters Company, 9th Field Artillery, is detailed as attendant to accompany the authorized mounts of Maj. George H. Paine, 17th Field Artillery.

The following named officers, assistants to the department ordnance officer, are assigned for duty to the stations indicated and will report to the respective officers accordingly:

First Lieut. Erasmus N. Wilkerson, ordnance department, U. S. R., to Fort Kamehameha.

First Lieut. Kilian Schmitt, ordnance department, U. S. R., to Schofield Barracks.

First Lieut. John H. Hall, ordnance department, U. S. R., to Hawaiian Ordnance depot, Honolulu.

Private Morris Wiener, Battery D, 1st Field Artillery, will be sent by the first available transport to Fort McDowell, Cal., where upon arrival he will be discharged from the army by the commanding officer of that depot, on account of fraudulent enlistment.

First Lieut. Albert W. Childress, ordnance department, U. S. R., to Fort Shafter.

Private 1st Class Harold B. Doolittle, Battery D, 1st Field Artillery, is detailed on duty as switchboard operator at headquarters, and will proceed to this city reporting on arrival to the department adjutant for duty accordingly.

### DISABLED MEN OF ARMY WILL BE EDUCATED TO MAKE OWN LIVINGS

[By Associated Press]

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—The United States government is not going to turn its disabled soldiers out into the world to make their living as best they may. When they are rendered unfit for service through facing the hazards of war, they are to be educated for some line of work which will allow for their disability and it will all be done at government expense, according to announcement by the western department of the army here.

Regular vocational courses for the blind, the halt, and the lame are to be established in all parts of the country. When the men have finished these courses they will be enabled to go into the world well equipped to make their own living.

During this term of re-education the government will allow the men their full army pay and their families will also be provided for. Further legislation is expected outlining the re-education plan more particularly.

It will be the first time the government has entered on the re-educational plan on a large scale. This work is being done to some extent in veterans' homes, but it will be better systematized and will be made to include many more vocations.

In brief, the government is to conduct a business college of nation wide scope, for the exclusive benefit of the men disabled in the war. It will not only educate the man, but will make every effort to have him properly placed in some useful enterprise that will guarantee him a decent living until his usefulness has ceased.

In many respects the re-education plan will follow the continental scheme, but there will be many new lines of industry for the disabled, which are peculiarly pertinent to American life.

One of the leaders in the government's re-education campaign is S. S. Rowe, assistant secretary of the treasury. He has advised all of the principal army and navy executives of the plan, and has urged them to let the country at large know as much as possible.

### GOVERNMENT TO FILM GREAT WAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—A complete pictorial history of the war is to be provided by the United States government, following the example of the governments of Great Britain and France.

The work has been assigned by the secretary of war to the signal corps of the army, but the actual recording of events will be done by special units attached to each division. These units will consist of one motion picture operator, with rank of sergeant, and an assistant, who must be an expert developer, and one "still" photographer, who may be a sergeant or corporal, with a developer as assistant.

Men qualified for these places who have been included in the draft will be permitted to transfer to the Signal Corps. The pictures will be carefully guarded until they arrive at the War Department, where an elaborate index system will keep record of every fact in connection with their manufacture.

Information has reached the Serbian Red Cross in London that in Dalmatia flour is fetching from 7s. 6d. to 8s. 6d. a pound; and even maize flour as high as 5s. a pound. Coal is already being sold at 30s. 6d. per cwt. In one village alone, with a pre-war population of only 1,100, there have been 70 cases of death through starvation.

### SOLDIERS FROM AMERICA SPEND CASH LAVISHLY

PARIS, Sept. 15.—France is beginning to believe that money grows on trees in the United States. The army and navy have had several pay days. Shiny American gold pieces have rapidly found their way into bank tills in exchange for French coin of the realm and the latter has been lavishly distributed in typical American fashion.

The French polli looks with envy on his American fellow-fighter. The polli receives four cents a day for being a polli. The British Tommy gets 24 cents a day. The American soldier gets about seventy cents a day. And he spends it.

Paris newspapers never cease to wonder at the spending American fighters. One told how common ordinary stokers off one of Uncle Sam's battleships came to Paris and cashed big letters of credit at Paris banks. Another detailed how an American jackie bought a dozen bottles of champagne just because it was so cheap in France.

Paris hotel keepers have ceased to be surprised when an American soldier or sailor orders an expensive room. Theater ticket offices sell high priced seats to American fighters without a murmur. Restaurant waiters are not surprised when they are told "Just keep the change."

So marked has become the American money spending menace that the army and navy Y. M. C. A. which is a self appointed guardian over our fighters pocket book and morals, has placarded the following "don'ts" and "whenever's":

"Don't engage rooms in any hotel without first asking the price including light and service. And don't think that your hot bath is gratis. Don't order a meal in a restaurant without first consulting the menu and see that the prices are plainly written—otherwise you may be surprised when you get your bill. Don't omit to count your change."

"Don't give all your spare change to the waiter. He doesn't expect more than fifty francs and then five per cent after that. Don't accept outside rates in exchange for pounds and dollars. Go to a bank where you will get the right and lawful exchange."

"Don't ask advice from strangers. Go to people in authority or recognized associations of your own country. Whenever you go into a shop to buy anything—always ask the price first. Whenever you order a drink notice that the price is marked on the saucer upon which it is served."

A Japanese mission composed of Captain Tada and Engineer Commander Akatori, accompanied by the assistant naval attaché in Paris, Lieutenant Commander Terashima, is now visiting the Toulon naval establishment.

### Do Your Bit! Wrong Phrase Says Daniels

QUANTICO (Va.), Oct. 31.—

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels today attacked the use of the expression "Do your bit."

Addressing the marines here, ready to leave for France, he said:

"Do your bit? If there is any word in the language I despise that is the word. You men in uniform are not going out to do little bits of things. You are giving your all to do great things."

He decried the use of the expression as summarizing any soldier's contribution to his country.

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NEVILLE, COMMANDER OF MARINE REGIMENT, ONCE STATIONED HERE

Col. W. C. Neville, who was stationed for a time in Hawaii, and who is well known here, has been selected for duty as commander of the marine regiment that went to France under Colonel (now Brigadier-General) Chas. A. Doyen.

Colonel Neville has been detached from command of the United States Marine Guard at Peking and ordered to France by way of the United States. General Doyen is to take command of a brigade of marines in France. He is now with General Pershing's forces.

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